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SUBJ: EXIMBANK PRELIMINARY COMMITMENT COMSA

REF: EXIMBANK LETTER TO AMBASSADOR OF SEPT. 25, 1973

PASS EXIMBANK

1. REFERENCED LETTER TO AMBASSADOR STATES EXIMBANK PREPARED TO ASSIST COMUNICACIONES S A (COMSA) IN FINANCING COST OF U.S. GOODS AND SERVICES ESTIMATED AT \$4.8 MILLION.

2. EMBASSY WISHES TO MAKE SURE THAT EXIMBANK AWARE THAT PANAMA GOVERNMENT (GOP) IS IN PROCESS OF PURCHASING THE FIRM OF EXMPREAS ELECTRICA DE CHIRIQUI WHICH OWNS APPROXIMATELY 88 PERCENT OF COMSA. THUS GOP, OR AUTONOMOUS AGENCY OF GOP WHICH IS BEING SET UP TO CONTROL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, WILL ULTIMATELY OWN COMSA. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT GOP WILL ALLOW EMPRESAS ELECTRICAS DE CHIRIQUI TO SELL THE TELEGRAPH PORTION (COMSA/WUI) SEPARATELY. WESTERN UNION INTERNATIONAL COULD BECOME SOLE OWNER BUT WILL NEED NEW CONCESSION FROM GOVERNMENT. DANIELS

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